

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 were presented for examination and are pending. Claims 8, 9, 23, 24, 33-41 and 43 are withdrawn. Claims 1-7, 10-22, 25-32, 42, 44 and 45 are rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Specification

The Abstract is objected to and has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore the objection should be withdrawn.

The specification has been objected to for failing to describe the limitations of (i) the means dimension of each of the claims 10-12, 25-27, (ii) the wireless transmitter of claims 17 and 32 and (iii) the microwave receiver operating frequency range of 0.1 to 50 GHz of claim 44. The specification has been amended to describe these limitations, as originally disclosed in the claims. Therefore the objection should be withdrawn.

Objection to Claim 42

Claim 42 has been objected to and has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore the objection should be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 10-14 and 42 are rejected as being unpatentable over Weissman et al. in view of Buscemi et al.

Claims 4-7, 15-17, 44 and 45 are rejected as being unpatentable over Weissman et al. and Buscemi et al., as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Haddad et al.

Claims 18, 19 and 28-32 are rejected as being unpatentable over Weissman et al. in view of Haddad et al.

Claims 20-22 and 25-27 are rejected as being unpatentable over Weissman et al. and Haddad et al., as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Buscemi et al.

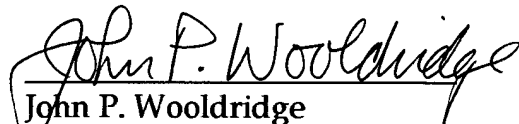
The applicants' independent claims 1, 18 and 42 have been amended to recite a diagnostic that is operationally responsive to the resonant frequency of the stent. None of the references teach an apparatus that includes a stent having a resonant frequency, means for enhancing microwave radiation that is scattered from the stent, where the means produces a larger scattered microwave radiation field over that which would occur from the stent absent the means and a diagnostic that is operationally responsive to said resonant frequency. Therefore the rejections should be withdrawn.

Conclusions

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on claims 1-7, 10-22, 25-32, 42, 44, 45 and new claim 46 in view of the amendments thereto and the foregoing comments.

If any impediments remain to prompt allowance of the case, please contact the undersigned at 808-270-1011.

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